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LEGAL NOTICES.

VIRGINIA.—In the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria, on the 16th day of December, 1908.

F. Kenneth Beckett, in chancery.

Ethel V. Baggett.

Memo. The object of this is to obtain a suit divorce a vinculo matrimonial from the defendant, and for general relief.

It appearing by an affidavit filed in this case that the defendant, Ethel V. Baggett, is a non-resident of this State: It is ordered, That said defendant appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect her interests in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this city.

A copy—TESTE.
SEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk.
Douglas Stuart, p. q. dec'd w-14

VIRGINIA.—In the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria, on the 9th day of December, 1908.

Allice M. Figgart, in chancery.

Fenja E. Figgart.

Memo. The object of this is to secure for complainant a divorce from the bond of matrimony from defendant, and for general relief.

It appearing by an affidavit filed in this case that the defendant, Fenja E. Figgart, is a non-resident of this State: It is ordered, That said defendant appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect her interests in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this city.

A copy—TESTE.
SEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk.
Lewis P. Macken, p. q. dec'd w-14

VIRGINIA.—In the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria, on the 4th day of December, 1908.

Nettie G. Eans, in chancery.

John W. Eans.

To John W. Eans.—Take notice that on TUESDAY, the 15th day of January, 1909, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 6 p. m. at the office of Lewis H. Maclean, 212 King street, Alexandria city, Va., I shall proceed to take the testimony of N. S. Greenaway, H. H. Cox, et al., to be read in my behalf in a certain suit for divorce pending in the Circuit Court of Alexandria city, Va., in which you are the defendant and I am the complainant; and if the taking of said testimony on that day, then the taking of the same shall be continued from time to time and from place to place until the same shall have been completed.

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Alexandria Gazette.

FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 9, 1909.

THE SOAPLESS AGE.

Health With Neither Sanitation Nor Rational Medicine.

Soap was unknown to the classical age both in Greece and Rome, says the New York Medical Journal. Pliny mentions a compound which he calls "sapo," made by the Gauls and Germans, and the ingredients that entered into it. He also informs us that it was more used by the men among the latter than by the women. It appears, however, to have been a pomade for the hair rather than a soap. Whether the term is Celtic or Teutonic we do not positively know, probably the latter. That the word was later borrowed by the Greeks from the Romans appears certain from the name "sapon," still in common use among them. The name eventually was adopted by most of the people of Europe, the Turks calling this article so much in demand in our day "sabun" and the Finns "saippio." In its stead the ancient Greeks used flesh scrapers. These were so highly esteemed that they were sometimes made of gold and given as prizes in athletic contests. Herein we see how men's ideas of the fitness of things change with the people and the age. Nowadays one would hardly commend himself to a friend or an acquaintance by the gift of a cake of soap or a comb.

This can, however, not be said of Athens. The mortality does not seem to have been much greater than it is in our own day. Five hundred years before Christ the average of human life was reckoned at about thirty-three years. We are often astonished at the enormous population assigned to some countries. There were few large cities in the modern sense of the term. As the houses were seldom more than two stories in height, the population cannot have been very dense. In Athens the reputable women seldom went out of doors. The men spent most of their time in the open air. What effect occasional overcrowding produced may be seen from the description of the terrible plague in Athens near the end of the fifth century B. C., as given by Thucydides, when the surrounding population was driven into the capital by the exigencies of war. As the countries of which we know most were grouped around the Mediterranean sea, where the climate is mild, outdoor life occasioned no discomfort, to say nothing of habit. In some parts of Italy whole families still live in caves. In Spanish cities the tourist who is out late at night is surprised to find the streets littered with persons lying asleep. To the natives it is the most natural thing in the world. The population of China is evidence that filth is not incompatible with an exceptionally large number of inhabitants to the square mile, notwithstanding the prevalence of infanticide. The writers who have made the most careful study of the economic condition of France have reached the conclusion that the population of the country at the close of the middle ages was as great as it is now. It was, however, fearfully cut down by the Hundred Years' war and the plague. Yet during all this period there was no rational practice of medicine. Until quite recently most of the villages of continental Europe were without a resident physician. Such is still the case in many parts of the world that are reckoned civilized.

While nobody doubts that medical practice fills an important part in modern civilization, there is no question that it is largely due to civilization that the want exists.

East India Company.

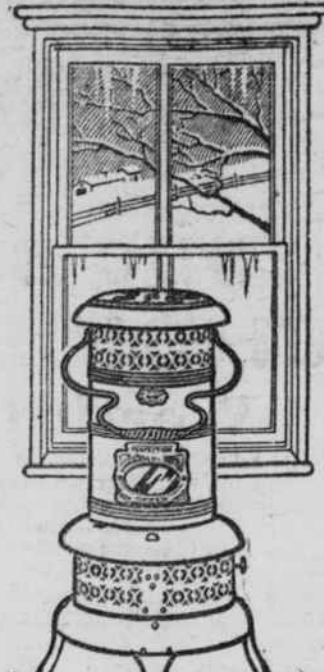
Although the East India Company nominally ceased to exist in 1858, it had virtually ended its long career twenty-five years earlier, for in 1833 parliament robbed it of its trading powers and interfered with its governing privileges. From that year it paid its proprietors out of taxes levied on the people of India and had its battles fought by the imperial forces. Such a condition of things could hardly be expected to endure, and after the mutiny the government, in spite of a desperate resistance on the part of "John Company," took over all the functions of government.—London Chronicle.

Bluestockings.

Boswell in his "Life of Dr. Johnson" states that in his day there were certain meetings held by ladies to afford them opportunity of holding converse with eminent literary men. The most distinguished talker of these gatherings was a Mr. Stillingfleet, who always wore blue stockings. When away his absence was so felt that the remark became common, "We can do nothing without the blue stockings," hence the meetings at which he figured began to be called "bluestocking clubs" and those who frequented them bluestockings.—New York American.

The U. S. Government in its "Pure Food Law" does not "indorse" or "guarantee" any preparation, as some manufacturers in their advertisements would make it appear. In the case of medicines the law provides that certain drugs shall be mentioned on the labels, if they are ingredients of the preparations. Ely's Cream Balm, the well known family remedy for cold in the head, hay fever and nasal catarrh, does not contain a single injurious drug, so the makers have simply to print the fact that it complies fully with all the requirements of the law.

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